

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

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--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

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--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

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--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 represents the preparation method for a firm yogurt, into which a molten sterol and/or stanol ester is introduced after the preheating stage.

Figure 2 represents a variant of the preparation method for a firm yogurt.

Figure 3 represents a variant of the preparation method for firm yogurt, in which the introduction of the sterol or stanol, in the form of sterol ester or stanol ester, is carried

out in the quantities and at the melting temperatures indicated in Figure 2.

Figure 4 represents the preparation method for a stirred yogurt, into which a molten sterol ester is introduced after the preheating stage.

Figure 5 represents a variant of the preparation method for a stirred natural or fruit yogurt.

Figure 6 represents a variant of the preparation method for stirred natural or fruit yogurt, in which the introduction of the sterol or of the stanol, in the form of sterol ester or stanol ester is carried out in the quantities and at the melting temperatures indicated in Figure 5.

Figure 7 represents a so-called "in-line" injection system.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

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--~~DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES~~--